

Helping Faculty Transition to Teaching Online

University of Southern California



USC

University of Southern California



Agenda

- **1**. The environment
- 2. The tools
- **3.** The issues and our strategies







The environment: multi-modal



University of Southern California



USC. Ossier Out of class: Social Network

USC	Hello, Ryan! Settings Sign O	ut
School of Education	Home Profile Portfolio Community Resources HFee	edback
Home > EDU 516.27812	Switch role to 💌 Turn edi	ting on
EDU 516.27812	The Framing Experience - Wall	
	Wall Overview	
	Write a post Share a link Post a picture Post a video	
	What's on your mind? Post	
Course Overview		
22 Students 3 Online 🖗		
Coursework	Marisa Chohan wrote Friday, Jul 10th at 8 08 PM Comment Hello Dawn. Click on the Portfolio tab and in that window you will find the "journal" section on your left. You can post your notes there. :)	X
Office Hours	Dawn Santiago commented Friday, Jul 10th at 8 23 PM X Thank you Marisa.	
Study Groups	Dawn Santiago commented Friday, Jul 10th at 8.49 PM	
Grades	Did you type all of your notes? Show All Comments	
Administration	Dawn Santiago wrote Friday, Jul 10th at 7 26 PM Comment Hello everyone. I noticed that we need to upload our notes from the observations. Does anyone know how to do that? Or	x
Add Notes 💌	can anyone help me? Thanks. Dawn	
	Laurel Bennett wrote Thursday, Jul 09th at 9.36 AM Comment Study Group B's Question: How is discipline in the classroom effectively enforced? When is discipline too much or inappropriate? How do you relay disciplinary actions to parents in a conference like set	X
New Note View All	Kelli Hammond wrote Thursday, Jul 09th at 6 12 AM Comment Study Group C: Are other things besides parental involvement, such as teacher/school expectations & curriculum, contributing to student underachievement?	X

P





Many new tools

- Synchronous: Real-time class meetings
 - -- Uses Adobe Connect
 - Formats: Whole group, Break-out groups, Office hours
 - New tools: chat pod, white board, screen share, doc share, notes pod, VoiceThread
- Asynchronous: Out of class work
 - Interactive timelines
 - Audio and video files; Screenr
 - Forums/Discussion boards







New technical skills needed:

- Accessing/manipulating the tools
- Granting access to students
- Trouble shooting





USC University of Southern California



We jumped in and....

- "Lecture" is rarely a good idea
- Traditional facilitation techniques fell flat
- Thoroughly distracted by chat pod

... it felt like a 3 ring circus.





The tech wasn't challenging; the pedagogy was

- We stopped trying to teach as we would in F2F class – but kept the same goals
- Started teaching each other based on what worked





Adapting Pedagogical Skills:

- Prior to live class:
 - Rethink what to provide in advance
 - Rethink presentation of that information
- During class, how to:
 - Facilitate engagement
 - Monitor student engagement/learning
 - Pace instruction





pothesis

sible (Input)



Things we learned

- Requires faster pace yet being comfortable with wait time
- Attention span is shorter: use 20 min blocks inside 90-120 minute classes

Common Unde

Cummin's Coor

Context Embed

- Front loading learning through asynchronous resources: use live time for discussion
- Capacity to move through learning faster
- Need for greater structure/planning





How we prepare faculty now...

- Common orientation for new faculty
 - Program
 - Technology
 - Pedagogy
- Practice prior to starting class
 - Tech trouble shooting
 - Watch recordings of others teaching
 - Observe others' live sessions (try to schedule new instructors' courses later in the week)





Once they start teaching...

- Tech support in the room to handle tech problems
- Course coordinator sits in
- Weekly instructional team meetings
- Continued opportunities to observe
- Constant exploration/sharing of new tools/strategies

